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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, 1924-1959

Syracuse was a unanimous choice as college football's unofficial national champion of 1959, topping both the writers' and coaches' press association polls and winning the Football Writers Association of America's Grantland Rice Award.

The AP poll of sports writers was originated in 1936 and the UPI poll of coaches was begun in 1950. Representing the combined opinions of observers across the country, they are the most popularly accepted electors to mythical national title honors. Prior to the polls, the Rissman and Knute Rockne trophies, symbolized the championship from 1924 to 1936. The roll of titlists thus designated:

1958—LSU 1950—Oklahoma 1959—Syracuse 1957—Auburn, Ohio St. 1948—Michigan 1956—Oklahoma 1947—Notre Dame 1955—Oklahoma 1946—Notre Dame 1954—Ohio St., UCLA 1945—Army 1953—Maryland 1944—Army 1952—Michigan State 1942—Ohio State	1941—Minnesota 1940—Minnesota 1939—Texas A&M 1938—T.C.U. 1937—Pittsburgh 1936—Minnesota 1935—S.M.U. 1934—Minnesota 1933—Michigan	1932—Michigan 1931—So. California 1930—Notre Dame 1929—Notre Dame 1928—So. California 1927—Illinois 1926—Stanford 1925—Dartmouth 1924—Notre Dame
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## NATIONAL RATINGS, 1936-1959

The most successful major teams of the past quarter century, according to ratings produced by the press association polls, have been Notre Dame and Oklahoma. Counting 10 points for each season-end first place rating, 9 for second and so on, the Irish have accumulated 106 points, the Sooners 88, with the rest far behind:

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3.	Michigan 67	7.	Mich. State	48	11. LSU	5515.	Maryland 20	2
4	Tennessee 63	8.	Minnesota	41	12. Navy	3516.	10wa 2	1000

## THE GRANTLAND RICE AWARD

This post-bowl-games award, representing the FWAA selection committee's title choice, was presented to Syracuse in 1959. Previous awards went to UCLA in 1954, Oklahoma in 1955 and 1956. Ohio State in 1957 and Iowa in 1958.

adjusting to John Stiegman's single wing.

Generally, it is concluded that the selection of a champion in the Southwest Conference is beyond man's capabilities. Not one, but three winners developed last season, and none was the one given strongest advance support. That was Southern Methodist, this year relegated to the rear echelon.

Baylor, where John Bridgers is in his second season, is fingered as the outsider moving up. Substantial in the picture already are the defending co-titlists, Texas, Texas Christian and Arkansas. The Razorbacks offer the most exciting prospects, with Lance Alworth the best all-round back in the community and Wayne Harris superintending a light but quick line.

Now a victim of the NCAA's crime-and-punishment committee, learning how the other half lives after all these years, Oklahoma will get no mercy from the rest of the Big Eight (Oklahoma State formally becomes the eighth this season). The Sooners lost heavily at graduation, and this was a squad, you should recall, that lost to Nebraska and barely beat Kansas.

They are still the team to beat, but Kansas, with handy John Hadl moved to quarterback; Colorado, with a sophomore group now seasoned to fire; or Missouri, with a muscular core of Orange Bowlers left over, just may be the team to beat them.

Tulsa looks strong in the geographically unsound Missouri Valley Conference and should succeed North Texas State to the title.



